

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

The FCC is supposed to REGULATE the use of the public airwaves, not let megacorporate owners do as they damn well please.

I am outraged at the idea that Sinclair is allowed to engage in partisan political attacks using the public's airwaves, while other views are squeezed out by virtue of the monopolized control of the broadcast media.

In case you haven't already done so, I urge you to have the entire staff and officers of the FCC view the excellent documentary "OutFoxed!" available on DVD.

Sinclair's actions show why we must strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.